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TO THE EDITOR

Discuss C.I.A. at College

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This Friday the C.I.A. will be recruiting at Middlebury College as part of the ongoing recruitment by intelligence agencies on this campus. The College community should be aware that the C.I.A. also maintains contractual relationships with students, faculty, and administrators as part of covert recruiting operations which may take place at Middlebury. This is a direct affront to academic freedom.

The C.I.A.'s flagrant violations of human rights, both internationally in the form of political subversion, torture, and assassination plots, and domestically in terms of invasions of privacy, infiltration of domestic institutions, and covert involvement in academia, have been widely documented.

Individuals concerned with the academic integrity of this College should consider the implications of C.I.A. activity at Middlebury. There is too close a relationship between the intelligence agencies and the College's language programs (not to ignore possible links to other departments). C.I.A. plants at Harvard and other schools have filed reports on fellow-faculty and students. Is this happening here? Recently, the National Security Agency met with Russian language students in Voter Hall's Russian suite. They informally announced a new program that would recruit sophomores and juniors into the agency while

they were still in school. Many Middlebury students, particularly foreign ones, are afraid to openly express their views because of possible surveillance.

We encourage the community to discuss the place of the intelligence agencies in academia and this College. We acknowledge the legal right of the C.I.A. and NSA to recruit at this college; however, we feel that such recruitment should not go unprotected. We invite all those concerned to join us today in front of the Career Counseling and Placement offices in Adirondack House at 1:00 P.M. for a peaceful demonstration to oppose the continuing, unquestioned and ambiguous relationship between this College and the C.I.A., and to encourage a reevaluation of CC & P recruitment priorities.

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The Committee Concerned
About Intelligence Recruiting